

FBI TAMPA

1040AM URGENT 6/5/68 ELR

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, JUNE FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT.

AN ASSAILANT, AS YET UNIDENTIFIED BUT WHO IS IN
CUSTODY OF LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, ATTEMPTED THE
ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AT TWELVE
FIFTEEN A.M., TODAY, IN THE BALLROOM OF THE AMBASSADOR
HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE FBI IS RENDERING ALL
POSSIBLE INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES,
INCLUDING THE SERVICES OF THE FBI LABORATORY AND
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. IF YOU RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION
CONCERNING THIS MATTER, THE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES SHOULD
BE EXPEDITIOUSLY ADVISED AND ALL NECESSARY INVESTIGATION
IMMEDIATELY INITIATED. NO COMMENT SHOULD BE MADE TO THE
PRESS WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF FBI JURISDICTION
EXCEPT THAT THE FBI IS RENDERING ASSISTANCE AS INDICATED ABOVE.
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SA JOHN R. M. WHELAN

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
JUNE 5, 1968
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The Bureau is interested in positive activity only and does not desire information of a negative type or information indicating prayer type meetings and so forth.

SAC immediately advised of the above.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (44-NEW)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SA JOHN R. M. WHELAN

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12PM URGENT 6/5/68 JIM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, JUNE FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT.

RE BUREAU TEL TODAY CAPTIONED AS ABOVE. IN ORDER
TO FACILITATE HANDLING OF THIS INVESTIGATION THE FOLLOWING
CODE NAME SHOULD BE USED IN ALL TELETYPE AND AIRTEL
COMMUNICATIONS --- "RENSALI."

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1. ASAC *WHS*
2. #3 *OB*
3. #5 *M*
4. Hagg *H*
5. Tully *✓*
6. Ingle *my*
7. Garner *Whe*
8. Orange *7*
9. W. Smith - *yes*
10. Barnett *all*
11. Rutland *44-729-3*

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7:23PM URGENT 6/5/68 WPK

TO ALL SACS R M P

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

KENSALT

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS JUNE FIVE SIXTYEIGHT.

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, AKA, SHIRHAN BISHARA
SHIRHAN, FORMER EXERCISE BOY SANTA ANITA RACE TRACK, CALIFORNIA,
IDENTIFIED AS SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSAILANT. SIRHAN DESCRIBED
AS FOLLOWS: DATE OF BIRTH THREE NINETEEN FORTY-FOUR,
JERUSALEM, JORDAN, WHITE, MALE, FIVE FEET TWO INCHES TALL,
ONE ONE FIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES. FIRST NAMES OF
FAMILY - FATHER BISHARA, MOTHER MARY, BROTHERS SHARIEF,
SAIDALLH, MUNIR, ADEL. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS SIX NINE SIX EAST
HOWARD STREET, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. FAMILY ENTERED US FROM
JORDAN IN ONE NINE FIVE SEVEN.

ALL OFFICES CHECK INDICES AND MAJOR PDS. SUTEL
POSITIVE RESULTS ONLY. ANY INFORMATION BEARING UPON SIRHAN'S
ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO INSTANT ASSAULT SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY
DEVELOPED AND FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES IMMEDIATELY.
END PAGE ONE

*Dickson tried 7:45 on informant
8:30 interviews
9:40*

Hegarty advised 10:15 PM

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LIKEWISE SHOULD INFORMATION BE RECEIVED INDICATING ANY
CONSPIRATORIAL ASPECTS IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE
CONDUCTED TO RESOLVE SAME.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Tampa 44-729

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SPC MILLARD J. ROBERTS, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

At 10:10 PM, this date, Mr. DONALD KELLY, 6404 El Dorado, Town and Country Park, Tampa, telephone # 884-9582, telephonically contacted writer and furnished the following information.

Between 3:00 AM and 5:00 AM, this date KELLY received collect telephone call from a SERGEANT JONES, somewhere in Calif. Since KELLY did not know this individual he refused the call. Operator then stated that there had been a mistake in the area code in that she dialed 813-8849582 instead of 803-8849582, which is in Mount Pleasant, North Carolina. KELLY said due to the days events (presumably meaning the attempt on Sen. KENNEDY's life) he felt it his duty to report the incident. KELLY stated that if he is required furnish more info re incident he should be contacted at Pitney Bowes, 4545 West Kennedy Blvd. Tampa, Tele # 877-7635.

Mr. KELLY was advised that the information would be given to a supervisor.

Mr. BELANGER advised of above.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (44-729)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SA Dennis R. Muehlen

SUBJECT: KENSAAT

Re Butel to all SAC's dtd 6/5/68

The following agencies were contacted 6/5/68 and advised that they could locate no record identifiable with Shirhan Bishara Shirhan aka Shirhan Bishara Shirhan and relatives Bishara (father), Mary (mother) and brothers Sharief, Saidallah, Munir, and Adel:

S. R. Getman, TPD
Dep. Sher. Rutland, HCSO
Off. Chet, St. Pete. P.D.
Off. Webber, Clearwater P.D.
Pathe Kanier, Pinellas Co. S.O.
Off. Fry, Orlando P.D.
Dep. Sher. Wells, Orange Co. S.O.
Cpl. Woolen, Lakeland P.D.
Off. Snyder, Polk Co. S.O.

It is noted that above agencies advised that above names were previously checked with negative results as requested by nation-wide ~~tele~~ teletype released by Los Angeles P.D. approx. 5:00-6:00 PM, 6/5/68.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Tampa (44-729)

DATE: 6/6/68

FROM : SPC DON G. PROVONSHA

SUBJECT: KENSALT

At 6:00 AM this date Miss JONA CARROLL of King Arthur Inn, room 112, on North Dale Mabre Highway, phone 877-7571, telephonically contacted this office. Miss Carroll stated that she had some important information and she felt that it was too important to give over the phone. She requested that an agent be sent to her apartment after first calling her sometime in the afternoon since she works nights.

Writer thanked caller for this information and assured her it would be turned over to appropriate personell for handling.

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Have her contacted
at 5

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-NEW)

UNSUBS; POSSIBLE BURNING OF ZANZIBAR CLUB, TWO ONE THREE TWO MAIN ST., TAMPA, FLA., NIGHT OF JUNE SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, RM, OO TAMPA.

A SOURCE WITH WHOM CONTACT HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT TO EVALUATE RELIABILITY ADVISED AT TEN A.M. JUNE SIX INSTANT THAT AT APPROXIMATELY NINE THIRTY A. M. SAME DATE, HE HEARD A GROUP OF ABOUT FIFTEEN COLORED MALES IN EARLY TWENTIES WHO WERE STANDING AROUND THE CORNER OF ALBANY AND MAIN STS., TAMPA, TALK ABOUT SETTING FIRE TO ZANZIBAR CLUB, TWO ONE THREE TWO MAIN ST., TAMPA, SOMETIME TONIGHT AS A DEMONSTRATION OVER THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. SOURCE STATED HE KNOWS SOME OF GROUP BY SIGHT BUT NOT BY NAME. WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY FURTHER DESCRIPTIVE DATA. APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND TAMPA FIRE MARSHAL ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE: SOURCE IS JOSEPH ABRAHAM GODFREY, ~~PHOTO~~ **PRI**

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2 - 170-NEW (JOSEPH ABRAHAM GODFREY, PRI-GHETTO)

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Note: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Subject's name and aliases Attempted Assassination of Sen. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Los Angeles, Calif., 6/5/68		Address of subject		Character of case 44-	
Complainant ROBERT ELDON O'CONNOR		Complainant's address and telephone number 1613 Park Lake St., Orlando, Fla. (422- 3781)		Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 6/5/68 Time 11:45 a.m.	
Subject's Description	Race W	Sex ☒ Male ☐ Female	Height 5'7 1/2	Hair dark	Build Slender
	Age 20 (1962)		Weight 100	Eyes dark(?)	Complexion dark
	Scars, marks or other data Slight accent(?) quich moving -				
Facts of complaint Complainant contacted this office and advised Mrs. WALERT (switchboard operator) he had information he felt would be of interest to the FBI and requested this office accept his call. ASAC SULLIWN approved the call and complainant advised writer of the following: He stated he served time in Terre Haute, Ind. (Fed. penal institution) from 1958 to 1962 for writing bad checks. He advised while in this institution, he worked as an office machine repairman and he was certain that photographs of the alleged attempted assassin shown on CBS news, Channel 2, Orlando, this a.m. were almost ident to a man he was acquainted with while in prison. He further stated at this time he does not recall this man's name, but for some reason believed this man to be of Latin descent, and thought him to be from Puerto Rico. Complainant also advised that the ^{Physical} description of the alleged assassin is almost ident to that of the man he had served time with in prison. Complainant stated he did not want the FBI to feel that this was a prank call on his part, but felt this information would be of interest to the FBI. Writer thanked O'CONNOR for his information and advised him it would be furnished to a supervisor for any action deemed appropriate.					
Action Recommended RONALD P. MERRITT (Agent)		44-729-9 SEARCHED.....INDEXED..... SERIALIZED.....FILED..... JUN 5 1968 FBI - TAMPA			

not acted on as
news media announced true identity of assassin.

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Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS (44-729)

FROM : SAC SANTOIANA

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 6/6/68

The Bureau has advised that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's assailant has been identified as SIRHAN BISHRA SIRHAN, aka.

He is a former exercise boy at the Santa Anita Race Track in California. He is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	March 19, 1944 at Jerusalem, Jordan
Height	5'2"
Weight	115 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Father	BISHARA SIRHAN
Mother	MARY SIRHAN
Brothers	SHARIEF SIRHAN SAIDALLH SIRHAN MUNIR SIRHAN ADEL SIRHAN
Residence	696 E. Howard St., Pasadena, Calif.

Any information developed bearing on SIRHAN's activities prior to the assassination should be thoroughly developed and furnished to the Bureau and Los Angeles immediately. Positive information only should be reported.

If information developed indicates any conspiratorial aspects in assassination, immediate investigation is to be instituted to resolve same.

SA WILLIAM F. DOYLE is Case Agent.

1 - Each Agent (80)
1 - 44-729
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Rev. J. L. Stevens
Mrs. J. L. Stevens
3516 N. San Miguel
Tampa, Florida 33609

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Walter
Herman Belatians
Council

June 6, 1968

Dear Sirs,

Recent events concerning the assassination of Senator Kennedy brought to mind a case that I would like to bring to your attention.

I was on a Federal Grand Jury about two ^{or three} years ago and we dealt with a case of a high school student here in Tampa who wrote a theme in school on his plan to kill the president.

He was sent for examination and perhaps treatment then returned when he was considered able to stand trial.

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~~Major~~ *Palatine*
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Mrs. J. L. Stevens
3516 N. San Miguel
Tampa, Florida 33609

During this time he insisted that he expected to carry out his intended plan.

It was at this point that the Grand Jury dealt with the case.

As I recall, he was sent to a mental institution for five years.

The details could be secured from Judge Lieb.

It seems to me a follow-up on the case would be most advisable. What happens after he is released could be of concern to us all.

Sincerely,
(Moy) Edith S. Stevens



Federal Bureau of Investigation
500 Zach St.
Tampa,
Fla.

Mrs. J. L. Stevens
3516 N. San Miguel
Tampa, Florida 33609

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Tampa, Florida
June 10, 1968

Mrs. J. L. Stevens
3516 N. San Miguel
Tampa, Florida 33609

Dear Mrs. Stevens:

I have received your letter of June 6, 1968,
and I want to thank you for furnishing the information
you did.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Santoiana, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge

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Case she referred to was resolved
by the Secret Service.

1 - Addressee
1 - Tampa (44-729)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBANY

DATE: 6/14/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

On 6/13/68, Bureau authority granted to furnish all continental offices with a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN to assist in covering leads.

*1. Photo clearly
made 19 copies*

- 2 - Albany (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Each Continental Office (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: *Wld* SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Butel to Phoenix dated 6/20/68.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, this is a criminal investigation and as such, unless unusual circumstances prevail, results should be forwarded on 302 Form for inclusion in investigating report by Los Angeles.

Los Angeles prepares 30 copies of each report in this matter. Each office should either forward stencils to Los Angeles, in which case an original 302 will be returned, or forward 30 copies of respective FD-302.

2 - Continental Offices

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (44-729) (RUC)

KENSALT

Re Los Angeles airtel to all Continental Offices

6/24/68.

A review of captioned matter in the Tampa Division, reflects that all logical leads have been covered and reported where pertinent, and it is accordingly recommended that this matter be RUC'd, subject to being reopened in the event any specific leads develop in this area.

3 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Los Angeles (56-156) (RM) (Info)
1 - Tampa
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: 7/30/68

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FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: *✓* KENSALT
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

In connection with current inquiries being conducted into the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy at Los Angeles, California, numerous communications have been received at the Bureau from individual field offices with no copies being designated to the Los Angeles Office, which is office of origin.

We did! | In order that the Los Angeles Office may be completely aware of all facets of this investigation, and in order that the office of origin may properly supervise the direction of this investigation, each field division and Legal Attache should insure that copies of all communications dealing with the Kensalt investigation be designated to Los Angeles.

2 - All Offices

2 - All Legal Attaches

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Date: August 7, 1968

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via Airtel _____

(Priority)

To: SAC, Tampa (62-963)
 From: Director, FBI (62-587)

KENSALT
 OO: LOS ANGELES

MURKIN
 OO: MEMPHIS

Re Tampa airtel 6/11/68 and Tampa letter 7/19/68 with letterhead memoranda attached thereto captioned Pernell Ezzell.

In view of the allegations concerning Pernell Ezzell, he should be interviewed immediately in order to determine whether he does, in fact, have any information pertinent to either of captioned inquiries.

Furnish results of your interview to Los Angeles and Memphis under appropriate caption on FD-302.

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 1 - Memphis

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Tampa, Florida
August 13, 1968

PERNELL EZZELL

Reference is made to prior communications in the captioned matter, the most recent one being dated June 19, 1968.

Mr. Emory A. Dowling, Jr., son of the owner of Perdue Radio, Television and Appliances, Inc., 2425 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida, furnished the following information on August 12, 1968:

Pernell Ezzell recently had his Florida driver's license revoked because he had been involved in an accident some months ago in North Carolina. Ezzell had to terminate his employment with the company as a color TV technician because he was unable to drive a car and his services were not needed on a full time basis in the shop. Because he was unable to do his job in Florida, he went to California to seek employment. At that time, he was not drinking and he was perfectly normal. He had just returned from a trip to North Carolina, where he had gotten his 1965 Buick automobile back from an automobile repair garage.

On Saturday, August 10, 1968, Mr. Dowling had received a long distance telephone call from a manager of a motel in Long Beach, California. He could not recall the manager's name or the identity of the establishment which he represented. The manager inquired as to whether he should cash a check for Pernell Ezzell in the amount of about \$200.00 and he refused to recommend cashing the check. He could not recall the name of the bank on which the check was drawn and he said he did not speak with Ezzell at the time, but he believed he was standing nearby during the telephone call.

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1 - OSI, Robins AFB, Ga. (RM)	(1-44-729 KENSALT)
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Mr. Dowling said that he had no further information concerning Ezzell at this time.

On August 12, 1968, Mrs. Fay Ezzell, wife of Pernell Ezzell, 636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida, furnished the following information:

Pernell Ezzell had his driver's license revoked for five years by the State of Florida because he had hit a bridge with his 1965 Buick in or near Fayetteville, North Carolina, or Clinton, North Carolina, during his last escapade. He had been charged with driving while intoxicated. Ezzell said that he had paid for the damages to the bridge, but his license was still revoked last week. Mrs. Ezzell said that her husband tried to obtain bench work as a TV technician in the Orlando, Florida, area, but he was unsuccessful, since he had no driver's license and he could not travel throughout the city to do his work. She advised that he left Orlando on Monday, August 5, 1968, for California, in order to seek employment.

On Thursday, August 9, 1968, he called in the middle of the night, saying that he was in Los Angeles, California, working for an aircraft plant and making good money. He did not mention the name of his employer or the location of the aircraft plant. He told his wife that he wanted her and the family to fly out in the near future when he would send money.

On Saturday, August 11, 1968, Ezzell called about 8:00 P.M., saying he was in Los Angeles, California. He remarked to the effect that he had been out of the country and he had just gotten back, therefore, he had not gotten a permanent address. He did not state where he could be reached or the name of his employer. He did not say where he had gone while he was out of the country. Mrs. Ezzell said she is bitter because her husband had run up about a \$1,000.00 debt on his American Express Credit Card during his last escapade and he still has this card. She said that she wanted him to show good faith by supporting her and their child before she would decide whether or not to go to California. Mrs. Ezzell said that she was not certain whether or not Ezzell had been drinking, but she was unable to detect that he was under the influence of alcohol from the sound of his voice on the two occasions on which he made calls. She said that if he does

PERNELL EZZELL

not help support their child, she will change her telephone number to an unlisted telephone number in the near future to avoid getting telephone calls from her husband in the middle of the night. She explained that she has to go to work very early each day. She said that she did not believe Ezzell's story about being out of the country and that he had possibly utilized the story to cover up for a period during which he had been drunk. She said that she could not believe but very little of any statements that Ezzell made to her and she, therefore, does not question him when he calls her. She said that she has no information as to her husband's exact whereabouts, the identity of his employer, or any of the details or location of the foreign trip that he allegedly made. She said that she did not believe him because he did not previously have a passport and he had not had time to obtain a passport before allegedly going out of the country. She said that she is waiting to see if he shows good faith by sending money for her and their child's support or whether he will go on another escapade and go deeper into financial trouble.

On August 12, 1968, Mrs. Mary Smith, Orange County Drivers License Office, Orlando, Florida, furnished the following information:

Pernell (no middle name) Ezzell, 636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida, was issued chauffeur's license number H94422 on April 8, 1968. It was ordered revoked for five years by the Department of Public Safety, State of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida, for driving while intoxicated on the third offense within a ten-year period. It became effective May 27, 1968, but the order was not received and executed in Orlando, Florida, until August 6, 1968. The revocation resulted from Ezzell being convicted of driving while under the influence of intoxicants in the State of North Carolina. One of his other suspensions of his driver's license was from August 18, 1967, until February 29, 1968, because he forfeited bond in the State of South Carolina, on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

Mrs. Smith said that she did not have a record of the third offense pertaining to Ezzell.

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On August 12, 1968, Mrs. LILA HOEQUIST, Orange County Auto Tag Office, Orlando, Florida, furnished the following information:

Pernell Ezzell or Fay Ezzell, 636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida, obtained Florida automobile license registration number 7W-10531, on May 1, 1968, for a 1965 Buick, two-door sedan, and Florida license 7-1518 on the same date, for a 1966 Chevrolet, two-door sedan. The file contained no additional descriptive information pertaining to these automobiles.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

3/13/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-567)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (62-963) (P)

A PERNELL EZZELL
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(OO: TP)
(TP file 62-963)

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(TP file 44-729)

MURKIN
(OO: ME)
(TP file 157-3231)

Re Bureau airtel to Tampa, Los Angeles and Memphis dated 8/7/68 and captioned "KENSALT" and "MURKIN"; Tampa airtels to the Bureau, Los Angeles and Memphis captioned "PERNELL EZZELL, INFORMATION CONCERNING", dated 6/11/68 and 7/19/68.

Attached are 11 copies of an LHM captioned "PERNELL EZZELL" and dated as above, for the Bureau.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 1 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 4 - Tampa (1 - 62-963 - EZZELL)
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Investigation in the attached LHM was conducted by SA GORDON W. TINDLE.

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LONG BEACH, CALIF.

Will conduct credit and arrest checks in an effort to locate and interview the subject in accordance with instructions contained in re Bureau airtel.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Will check credit and arrest files in an attempt to locate and interview the subject, as indicated above.

TAMPA DIVISION

AT ORLANDO, FLA.

Will maintain contact with the subject's wife, Mrs. FAY BEZELL, 636 22nd St., Orlando, Fla., in order to ascertain the subject's whereabouts, and set forth appropriate leads for an immediate interview.

Will maintain contact with Mr. EMORY A. DOWLING, JR., 3425 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, for the above reason.

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

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SAC, TANPA (62-963)

PERNELL EZZELL
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KENSALT (p)
OO: LOS ANGELES
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MURKIN (P)
OO: MEMPHIS
TP 157-3231

Re Bureau airtel to Tampa, copies to Los Angeles and Memphis dated 8/7/68, in the dual caption, KENSALT and MURKIN; TP airtel to Bureau and LHM dated 8/13/68, copies to Los Angeles and Memphis, in above caption.

Enclosed for New Orleans is one copy of each of the referenced communications and copies of LHM's captioned EZZELL PERNELL, dated 6/11/68; and 7/19/68.

Recontact with Mrs. FAY EZZELL, wife of PERNELL EZZELL, 636 2nd Street, Orlando, Florida on 9/25/68, revealed the following but she requested her husband not be contacted at his job or be advised she furnished his whereabouts.

He came home to Orlando three weeks ago for one night leaving the next morning to take a new job with

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JET TV in New Orleans, Louisiana where he intends to earn enough money to repay his debts to American Express Credit Card Co. incurred while on his escapade. He mentioned talking with FBI, she believed, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

EMORY DOWLING, former employer in Orlando, Florida, during recontact on 9/23/68, mentioned EZZELL had called to apologize for past actions about three weeks ago saying he was in Orlando and he was going to another state to take a job, possibly in Alabama, but his whereabouts were unknown.

Los Angeles and New Orleans are requested to advise whether EZZELL has been located and interviewed and the Bureau advised. If not, New Orleans should immediately interview EZZELL away from his employer, JET TV, in New Orleans without divulging his wife furnished his whereabouts and advise the Bureau of results with copies to Los Angeles, Memphis, and Tampa.

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (173-994) (P)

PERNELL EZZELL
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(OO: TAMPA)

KENSALT (P)
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

MURKIN (p)
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Tampa letter to the Director, 9/30/68.

For information of Tampa, New Orleans Division interviewed PERNELL EZZELL at Shreveport, La., on 8/27/68..

Enclosed for Tampa is one copy of the FD-302 which sets forth results of that interview.

New Orleans airtel to Los Angeles, 8/28/68, under the KENSALT caption furnished Los Angeles with 25 copies of the FD-302 in question.

New Orleans airtel to Memphis dated 8/30/68, under the MURKIN caption, furnished Memphis with 25 copies of the FD-302 interview in question.

Interview with EZZELL by New Orleans was based on Los Angeles teletype to New Orleans dated 8/24/68, under the KENSALT caption.

EZZELL CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF HIS POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN THE PAST AND SINCE HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS AN ALCOHOLIC WHO BECOMES UNSTABLE WHEN INTOXICATED.

- 2 - Bureau
- 1 - Los Angeles (Info)
- 3 - Tampa (1 - 62-963) (Enc. 1) (EZZELL)
- (1 - 44-729) (KENSALT)
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Tampa, Florida
October 14, 1968

PERNELL EZZELL

Reference is made to prior communications in captioned matter, the most recent one being dated August 13, 1968.

- 11- Bureau (62-587) (RM)
- 1, Secret Service, Jacksonville (RM)
- 1 - OSI, Robins AFB, Ga. (RM)
- 1 - MI, Orlando (RM)
- 1 - NISO, Charleston, S. C. (RM)
- 3 - Tampa (62-963)
 - (1 - 44-729, KENSALT)
 - (1 - 157-3231, MURKIN)

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PERNELL EZZELL was interviewed at the Shreveport, Louisiana, Resident Agency. At the outset of the interview EZZELL was advised of his rights but declined to sign a waiver of same. EZZELL declined to furnish a signed statement but voluntarily furnished the following information:

EZZELL denied that he had received or was ever in possession of a great amount of money as a result of his participation in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING and the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He further denied stating to anyone he was on the payroll of the OSI and CIA.

EZZELL said he definitely did not participate in any manner, nor did he have any knowledge of or information concerning the murders of MARTIN LUTHER KING and Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

EZZELL admitted that he was glad KING was dead as he felt KING was a troublemaker, but emphasized that he did not have anything to do with killing him.

EZZELL said he could not remember making any statements to anyone regarding any of the above. He admitted that he may have made them when he was in a drunken condition, but could not recall making any such statements. He said he often has black-out periods which occur when he is drinking and he has been known to appear sober even when he is in a drunken state.

EZZELL said FRANK WETZEL is the Shop Foreman for his former employer at Perdue Radio and Television Company, Orlando, Florida. He and Wetzel have been out drinking together on a few occasions, usually after closing shop or on a payday night. WETZEL has been trying to get him into trouble with his wife. EZZELL said WETZEL thinks he is a ladies man and has in the past tried to take his wife out. His wife has told him that WETZEL has called her several times and in addition to trying to make a date would tell her of his running around with other women. EZZELL believed WETZEL tells his (EZZELL's) wife what he tells WETZEL in confidence. He was sure WETZEL told her about

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his being responsible for another girl's pregnancy at the time he married his wife.

EZZELL stated he has never confronted WETZEL with any of the above, but WETZEL has told him that he called him one night when he was drunk and cursed him out. EZZELL said he could not remember this call.

EZZELL advised that he has a serious drinking problem, but he did not consider himself an alcoholic. He said he was treated in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fayetteville, North Carolina, for drunkenness shortly after his release from the Air Force in 1953. He further advised he had been a patient at Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro, North Carolina, for about 2 months during the past year. While at this hospital he underwent a number of psychiatric tests. He did not know the results of the tests.

EZZELL stated that he has had this serious drinking problem since his marriage in November 1967. He indicated he was forced to marry his wife as a result of her pregnancy prior to their wedding. He said, since his marriage he has been under constant pressure from his wife and in addition has serious financial problems.

EZZELL advised that because of his heavy drinking and the resulting "black-outs" he is not able to fix exactly his whereabouts on specific dates during the past year. However, he remembered the night of MARTIN LUTHER KING's death and said he was drunk at the time. He was registered at the Motel South, Orlando, Florida. With him at the time was a girl friend, whom he identified as VIOLET ALLRED, a nurse, who operates the Clear Lake Manor Nursing Home, Orlando, Florida. He said she is about 38 years of age. He recalled hearing of KING's death on the T.V. on the night it happened.

EZZELL said he did not remember where he was the night Senator KENNEDY was shot.

EZZELL could not account for his whereabouts on the night of June 5, 1968 and said he could not recall where he was at all during the month of June as he again was on a drunk.

EZZELL remembers flying from Orlando, Florida,

to Los Angeles twice in recent months. The last was about August 4, 1968 when he flew via Delta Airlines. He stayed in Los Angeles four days and left driving a rented car after an unsuccessful effort in finding a job. On his way to Shreveport he stopped briefly at Phoenix, Albuquerque, and Hope, Arkansas. He claimed he pawned his 357 magnum revolver with a police officer in Hope, Arkansas, for \$45 on August 23, 1968. The gun was purchased for his second job as a security guard with Associated Security Company, Orlando, Florida. He claims he has never used the gun in commission of a crime.

EZZELL believed the previous trip to Los Angeles was made in June 1968 when he flew via Delta Airlines from Orlando, Florida. He was looking for a job on the occasion also. He stayed only two days and remembers returning from California via an unrecalled airline and that he stopped at Las Vegas, Denver, New Orleans and Miami. He does not remember if he stayed in any of these cities for any length of time. After reaching Miami he rented a car and drove to Orlando.

EZZELL claims he had no employment other than his jobs in Orlando and that he financed his trips with the money earned from working these two jobs, along with using his credit cards.

EZZELL recalled after driving from Miami he did not go home, but to a motel with Miss ALLRED. The following day he drove back to Miami and then returned to Orlando by bus. He thinks he rented the car at Miami from either Hertz or Avis-Rent-A-Car.

EZZELL stated he has not worked anywhere since August 4, 1968, and that he presently had in his possession \$36.00 which was left over from the sale of his gun.

EZZELL claimed he pawned a .38 Colt "Cobra" in Los Angeles on the last trip at an unrecalled pawn shop and that he presently has no weapon.

EZZELL could not recall any other details concerning his first trip to Los Angeles, he said he was drinking heavy on these trips and could not remember anything much about them. He could not remember the names of motels where he stayed. He claimed he has no friends in Los Angeles and

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that he made none while there on these trips.

EZZELL stated he is not now and never has been a member of any "hate" type organization such as the Ku Klux Klan.

EZZELL stated he would be leaving Shreveport, Louisiana, this evening by bus and could be reached through his mother Mrs. ACRIE EZZELL, Route 4, Clinton, North Carolina.

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

Name	PERNELL EZZELL alias "Easy"
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	April 26, 1932
Place of Birth	Fayetteville, North Carolina
Height	6'1"
Weight	175
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars and Marks	None
Marital Status	Married to FAYE MARIE EZZELL 636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida
Children	CLINTON EARL - 11 months
Parents	Father - deceased Mother - ACRIE EZZELL Route 4, Clinton, North Carolina
Brothers	THOMAS OZELLE EZZELLE, age 33, Simco, Ontario, Canada WENDELL EZZELLE, age 25. High Point, North Carolina
Sister	DIANE McMILLIAN, age 19, Fayetteville, North Carolina employed Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
Residence	636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida
Military Service	US Air Force 1951-1953, Honorable discharge Serial # AF14408130

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Arrest Record	Numerous drunk arrests - no felony arrests
Social Security #	[REDACTED]
Occupation	T.V. repairman and security guard
Previous employment	Perdue Radio and T.V. - Orlando, Florida; Associates Security, Orlando, Florida; Electronic Service, Inc., Patco Division, Newport News, Virginia; American District Telegraph - Winston Salem, North Carolina American District Telegraph - Indianapolis, Indiana
Previous Residences	Raleigh, North Carolina, Fayetteville, North Carolina, Ashville, North Carolina, Newport News, Virginia, Indianapolis, Indiana, Orlando, Florida
Friends	CHRISTINE TENDELL, Clinton, North Carolina VIOLET ALLRED, Orlando, Florida

PERNELL EZZELL

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (62-963) (C)

PERNELL EZZELL
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KENSALT
(OO:LA)
(TP File 44-729)

MURKIN
(OO:ME)
(TP File 157-3231)

Re Bureau airtel to Tampa, Los Angeles and Memphis, dated August 7, 1968, and captioned "KENSALT" and "MURKIN"; and New Orleans letter to Bureau, captioned as above, dated 10/4/68.

The referenced New Orleans letter to Bureau revealed that the instructions contained in the Bureau's airtel of August 7, 1968, have been complied with. Accordingly, the Tampa Division is placing its files pertaining to KENSALT and MURKIN in a closed status at this time.

Attached are 11 copies of an LHM captioned "PERNELL EZZELL", and dated as above, for the Bureau. The Bureau may wish to disseminate a copy of the LHM to CIA as the attached LHM contains an interview with EZZELL, at which time he denied ever stating that he was on the CIA payroll.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
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Copies of the LHM were disseminated locally to Secret Service, Jacksonville, Fla.; OSI, Robins AFB, Ga.; MI, Orlando, Fla.; and NISO, Charleston, S. C., because they have cognizance.

The Tampa file 62-963, pertaining to PERNNELL EZZELL is in a closed status.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished to the New Orleans Division for its information concerning the final disposition of this matter by the Tampa Division. No LHM is being enclosed for New Orleans, Los Angeles, or Memphis because it only contains the interview of EZZELL by the New Orleans Division, who has previously furnished results to Los Angeles and Memphis.